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Remarks

The various parts of the Office Action (and other matters, if any) are discussed below under appropriate headings.

Allowable Subject Matter

Allowance of claims 5 and 20 is acknowledged with thanks. Claims 2-4 and 6-10 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 5. Claims 1, 15-19 and 21 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Claims 11-14 and 24 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but were indicated to contain allowable subject matter. Claim 11 has been rewritten as an independent claim with claims 12-14 dependent therefrom. Claim 24 has been rewritten as an independent claim with claims 22 and 23 dependent therefrom.

Accordingly, all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

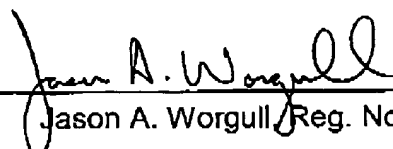
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, request is made for timely issuance of a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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